

## House Resolution 181

By: Representatives Lane of the 158<sup>th</sup>, Burns of the 157<sup>th</sup>, Parrish of the 156<sup>th</sup>, Hembree of the 67<sup>th</sup>, and Smith of the 113<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Dr. Bruce Grube on his retirement and inviting him to appear before the House  
2 of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Bruce Grube has provided a decade of leadership to Georgia Southern  
4 University during his tenure as president; and

5 WHEREAS, during Dr. Grube's time as Georgia Southern's president, the school has  
6 experienced great strides in enrollment, academic quality, and campus expansion; and

7 WHEREAS, since Dr. Grube began at Georgia Southern in 1999, student enrollment has  
8 increased over 22 percent to a record 17,764 students, while retention rates have also  
9 increased an amazing 15.7 percent, bringing overall retention to 81 percent; and

10 WHEREAS, the dedication and contributions of Dr. Grube have resulted in national  
11 recognition for Georgia Southern over the last ten years, including being named an America's  
12 Best College by *Forbes*, a Top 100 Value in Public Colleges and Universities by Kiplinger,  
13 and both a *U.S. News and World Report* National University and Best Graduate School; and

14 WHEREAS, over the last decade, Dr. Grube has founded two colleges on behalf of Georgia  
15 Southern, the College of Information Technology in 2001 and the Jiann-Ping Hsu College  
16 of Public Health in 2004; and

17 WHEREAS, some of the major campus improvement and expansion projects Dr. Grube  
18 undertook while at Georgia Southern include building the Performing Arts Center, the  
19 addition of several new student housing buildings, and an expansion of the Henderson  
20 Library, with more than \$150 million in total improvements; and

21 WHEREAS, a copious number of educational programs and degrees have been added to  
22 Georgia Southern's stellar curriculum under Dr. Grube's influence, such as an online  
23 Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing, a Bachelor of Science degree program in Information

24 Technology, a master's degree program in Public Health, and a doctoral program in  
25 Psychology, to name just a few; and

26 WHEREAS, Dr. Grube has also seen great feats within the athletic department while at  
27 Georgia Southern, including NCAA Tournament appearances for the golf, softball, and  
28 volleyball teams, two FCS national championships for the football team, a National  
29 Cheerleading Association Championship title for cheerleading, three NCAA Regional  
30 appearances for baseball, and building a soccer and track stadium, Bishop Field House, and  
31 a golf center; and

32 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is honored to have such a motivated and hard-working  
33 individual as one of its citizens, and Dr. Grube's numerous contributions to Georgia Southern  
34 University have helped this state excel in the area of higher education.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
36 the members of this body commend Dr. Bruce Grube for his years of service to Georgia  
37 Southern University and extend best wishes for an enjoyable and well-deserved retirement.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Dr. Bruce Grube is hereby invited to appear before the  
39 House of Representatives at a date and time to be fixed by the Speaker of the House for  
40 purposes of being recognized by the House and receiving an appropriate copy of this  
41 resolution.